

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: SkillsUSA is a national partnership of career-and-technical education and business enterprises that helps prepare students in high schools, colleges, and technical schools to become world-class workers and responsible Americans; and

WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education provides students with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas SkillsUSA has 320 school chapters consisting of approximately 5,300 students in high school and college, who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career-and-technical educators and business-and-industry leaders stimulate the growth and vitality of Arkansas's economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the week of February 11-17, 2007, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all my fellow citizens to become acquainted with the purposes and activities of Arkansas SkillsUSA and to give support and encouragement to its members, who are striving to achieve the knowledge and expertise that will make them outstanding workers in our communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2007.

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE